

M/047/010

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**Subject:** M/047/010 - Got the maps

Paul -

I received the map showing the location of the road segments involved in American Gilsonite Company's request. Thanks for sending it along.

According to our title plats, a portion or all of the following roads cross public lands (administered by the BLM) - 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, and 17.

The following roads need a closer look to determine whether or not they meander outside of private lands (along patented gilsonite veins) and onto public lands - 6, 7 and 18.

The following road segments (as shown on special road status maps on file in our office) are indicated as being maintained [by Uintah County or the BLM] - a portion of 6 and all of 7, 9 and 13. This means that AGC would not necessarily need a right-of-way grant from the BLM if they utilize these segments for commercial use (e.g., hauling gilsonite between a mine and their plant). All other road segments are not maintained. If a non-maintained road crosses public lands and a company wants to use such for commercial uses or wish to maintain them to provide a degree of access to private lands, then they need to apply to our office for a ROW grant prior to such commercial use. I think in the matter of road segments 14, 15, and 17 [and where segments 6, 7 and 18 deviate outside of private lands along the cowboy, independent and rainbow veins], where the road may be used to access gilsonite veins on private land (that the company may own), the company may want to establish a ROW with the BLM to assure they will have continued access to the vein (if some mineable gilsonite remains on the property).

I think it would be worthwhile to consult further on the matter of the roads when you are in the Vernal area. If you will want a formal reply from our office regarding AGC's request for release from liability in the matter of the roads, I would recommend that Wayne Hedberg direct such to our office's Field Manager (right now that position is vacant, Howard Cleavinger is the current acting Field Manager; Bill Stringer has been selected to fill the Field Manager position and he reports for duty later this month).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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